



Kentucky State University

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Graduates Move Onward & Upward



Kentucky State University awarded 347 graduates their associate, bachelor's and master's degrees May 8 at the 121st Commencement Convocation. Alma Powell, chair of the board of America's Promise Alliance, a community and civic leader and wife of Gen. Colin Powell, former secretary of state and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, served as the commencement speaker and received her honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the ceremony. She also revealed that her mother, Mildred Eliza Bell Johnson, graduated from KSU on June 7, 1926. "Without Kentucky State University, I would not be who I am today," Powell said.

Classes In Reunion Reunite, Reminisce

Alumni from the classes of 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 2000 relived old times and caught up with old friends May 7-8 during the Kentucky State University Classes in Reunion Weekend. A group of alumni kicked off the weekend with a bus tour of the campus. As they passed new and old buildings, they reminisced about how the campus had changed, how the use of the buildings had changed and where they used to hang out. In addition to the campus tour, lunch in Underwood Cafeteria and mingling, the Classes In Reunion alumni attended the Reunion Banquet May 7 at Capital Plaza Hotel and the 121st Commencement Convocation May 8 at the Frankfort Convention Center. There, the Class of 1960 was honored during the ceremony as the Golden Graduates for celebrating its 50th reunion.



Nursing Pinning Honors Graduates, Supporters



The Kentucky State University School of Nursing associate and bachelor's degree graduates received their pins May 7 at the annual Pinning Ceremony,

marking their transition from the student to professional role. It is a time when the students share their graduation with the loved ones who supported them throughout their journey and helped them realize their dreams. Also at the ceremony, the School of Nursing honored retiring faculty and staff, including Diane Harrington, Dorothy Martin and Catherine Cooke, who has taught in the school for 33 years. The school awarded the Barbara Stivers Award to first-year students Matthew West and Lisa Scott, the Patsy O. Turner Award to Gloria Littleton, the Veneda S. Martin Award to Marrissa Justice and the Dr. Juanita W. Fleming Award to Candace Shockley.

Journalism Students Win Video Award

Mass communications and journalism students won the S&S Tire Cash for College Competition. The students produced a 30-second commercial promoting S&S Tire as the dependable, hometown tire service store. A \$500 prize was awarded to the KSU journalism program, and the winning entry is posted on www.sstire.com.

The commercial was produced by Hyojin Chung, Ricardo Cooper, Destiney Finch, David Hendricks, Brittany Knight, Quinton Mudd, Meghan Smith, Josh Toftness and Hong Yun.

KSU President Wins Leadership Award

Kentucky State University President Mary Evans Sias received the Martha Layne Collins Leadership Award May 4 at the Women Leading Kentucky's 11th Annual Women's Business and Leadership Conference in Lexington.

The conference focused on women's success and stressed the importance of networking. But in her remarks, Sias told audience members that there are other ingredients to achieving success, including recognizing the contributions of others.

"You got where you are by standing on the shoulders of others," she said.

There will always be obstacles, but part of achieving success is mastering the job you are in, teaching your job to others and learning the job above you, she said.

The Martha Layne Collins Leadership Award was created in 1999 in recognition of the former governor's contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its people. The award recognizes a woman of achievement who inspires and motivates other women through their personal, community and professional lives.



Education Faculty Secure Two Grants

Dr. Beverly Downing, chair of the School of Education, won a \$19,926 grant through the Kentucky Department of Education to provide professional development for 50 teachers on HIV education. The School of Education will conduct this training July 16-17 on campus.

Dr. Patricia Higgins, associate professor in the School of Education, received a \$117,562 NASA grant. The three-year grant will provide professional development, leadership support, resources, references, research, feedback and ongoing assistance to the Students and Teachers Using Data from Investigations in Earth Systems (STUDIES) project. Dr. Higgins will work with other educators and consultants to develop lesson plans focusing on Earth motions, weather and mapping.